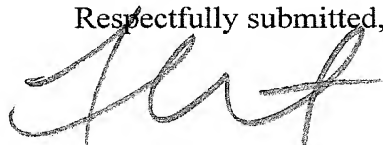


### REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement of December 12, 2007, Applicants hereby elect Invention 1, Claims 1-9 and 13-16 drawn to a method of recycling expanded polystyrene. Applicants have cancelled Claims 10-12 (Invention II), drawn to a separation and recovery apparatus. This election is made without traverse as Applicants agree with the Examiner that the canceled claims are patentably distinct from the elected claims.

The Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned directly if such contact will expedite the examination and allowance of the pending claims.

Respectfully submitted,



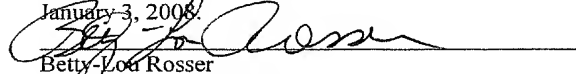
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